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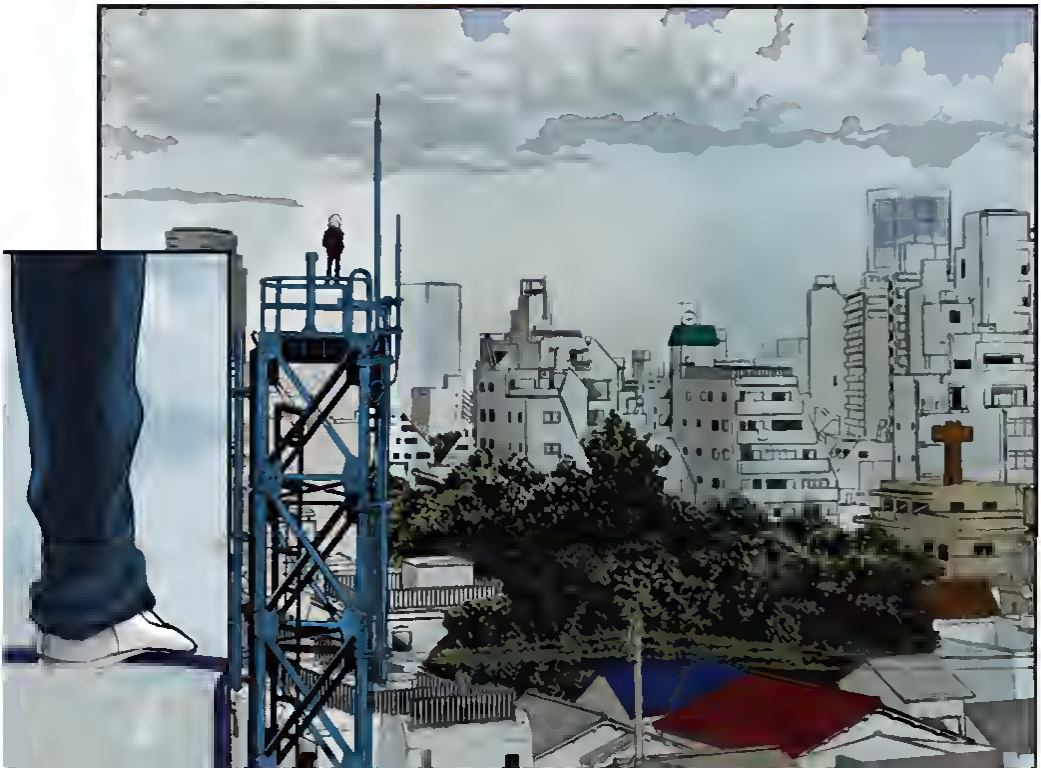

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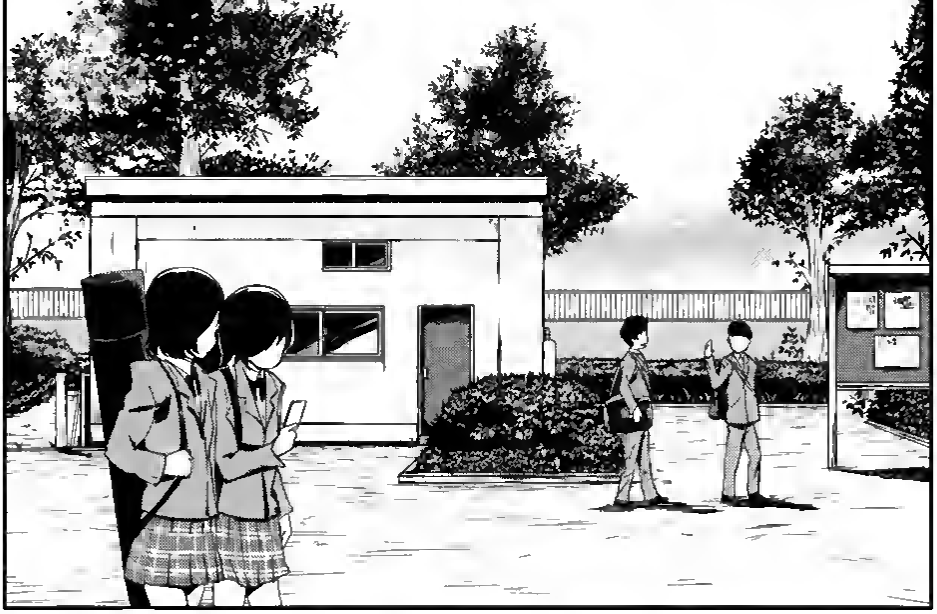
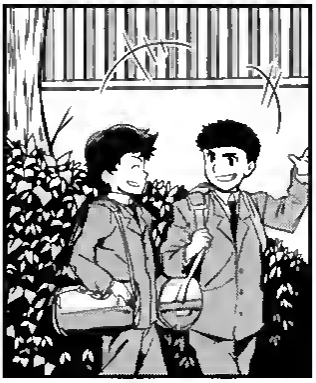




TREMBLE
TREMBLE
SHIVER

EVEN AFTER COMING THIS FAR, I JUST CAN'T HELP MYSELF FROM WIMPING OUT...
Suicide Note
CRUMPLE
PATHETIC, I CAN'T DO EVEN THE SIMPLEST THING...!
TWITCH
WALKING OUT ON FALLING WITH STYLE?
TURN!!

Utter
WHO'S THIS KID ...?
DEFINITELY NOT FROM MY CLASS...
N-NO WORRIES, I WASN'T PLANNING ON JUMPING...
JUST TRYING TO ENJOY THE VIEW, YOU KNOW...
REALLY, NOW?

Flip
ピラ…
Suicide Note
WHY BOTHER PACKING THIS ALONG THEN FOR SOMETHING SO MUNDANE?
Shift
…
U-UH…
CHILL OUT, I'M NOT GONNA STOP YA.
BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, MORE POWER TO YA.
ALL I GIVE A DAMN ABOUT IS HELPING MYSELF TO THAT SOUL OF YOURS AFTERWARDS.
WHA…
MY SOUL?
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU SAYING?

Simply put, my one and only true desire is satisfying my craving for souls.
Conveniently for me, fulfilling your macabre wish for death benefits both of us.

...EAD.
THEN TELL ME ONE THING... COULD YOU REVIVE THE DEAD?

BESIDES, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO GRANT MY WISHES...

H-HOLD ON...
REALLY, I'VE GOT NO IDEA WHAT YOU MEAN...

NOT A CHANCE IN HELL.
EVEN IF I SOMEHOW RE-GURGITATED A SOUL,
ANOTHER WOULD HAVE TO COMPENSATE FOR THE ORIGINAL'S PLACE. EQUIVALENT EXCHANGE, YA KNOW?
RIGHT...
OF COURSE...
じわ…
WHAT...
WHAT'S MY BEST BET IN THIS SITUATION...?

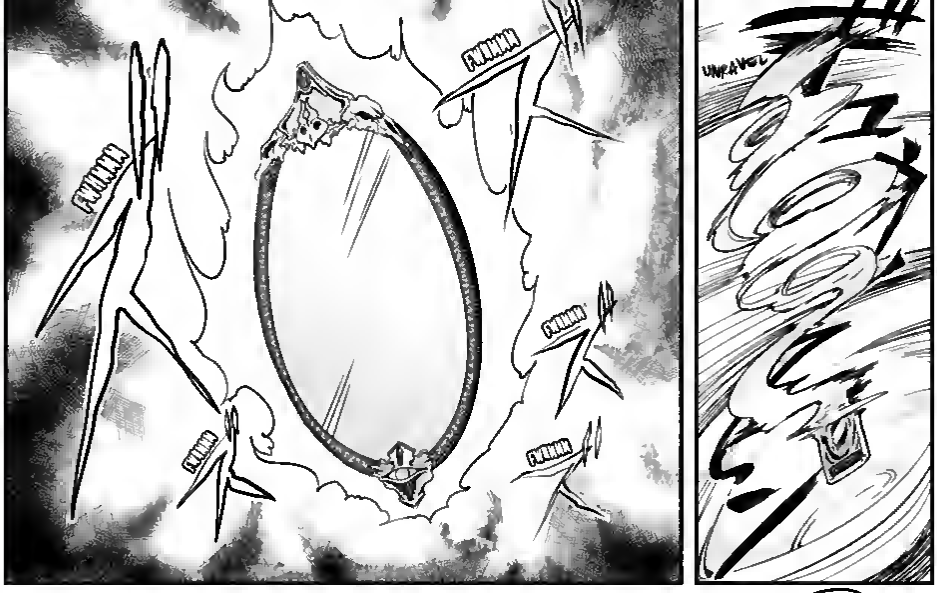
SURE YOU CAN HANDLE KNOWING?

GIVE IT TO ME ST-RAIGHT!
TENSE

MRGH...
Hips

FWIP
Allow me to help make your wish clear.

RIGHT ON...
SHUFFLE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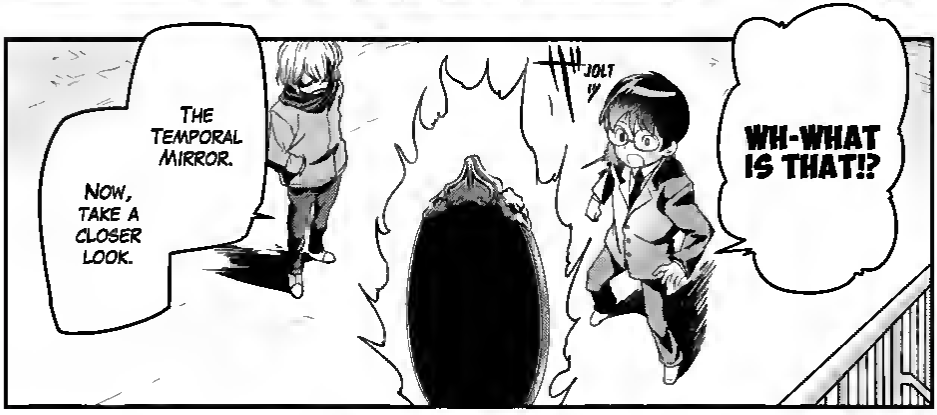
UNFAIR!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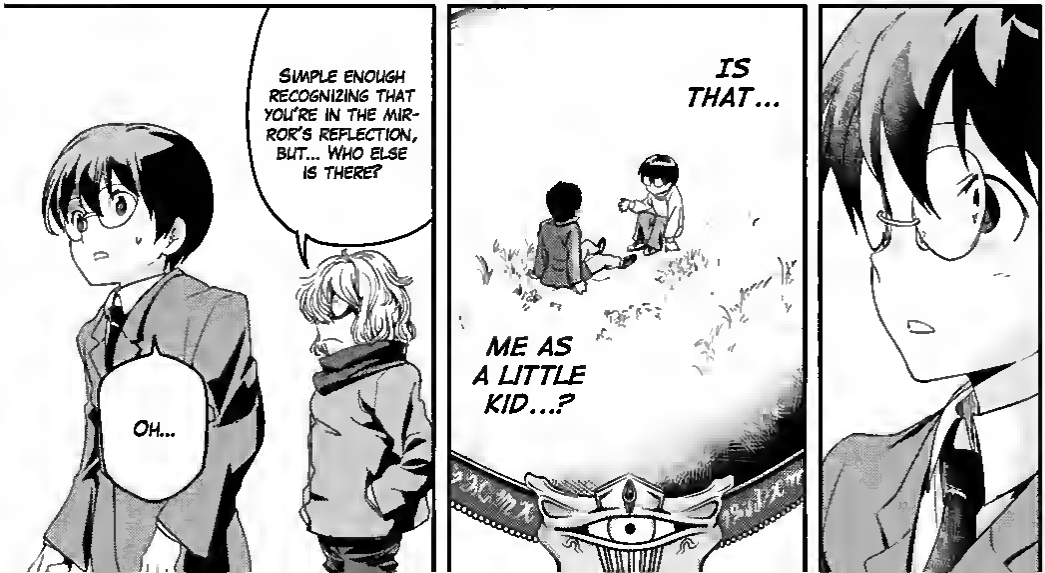
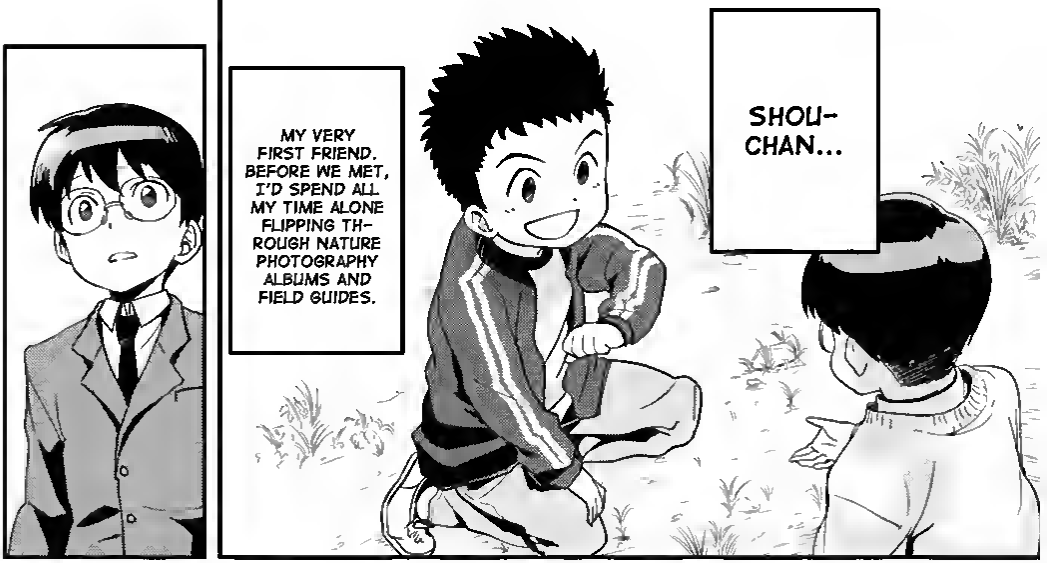
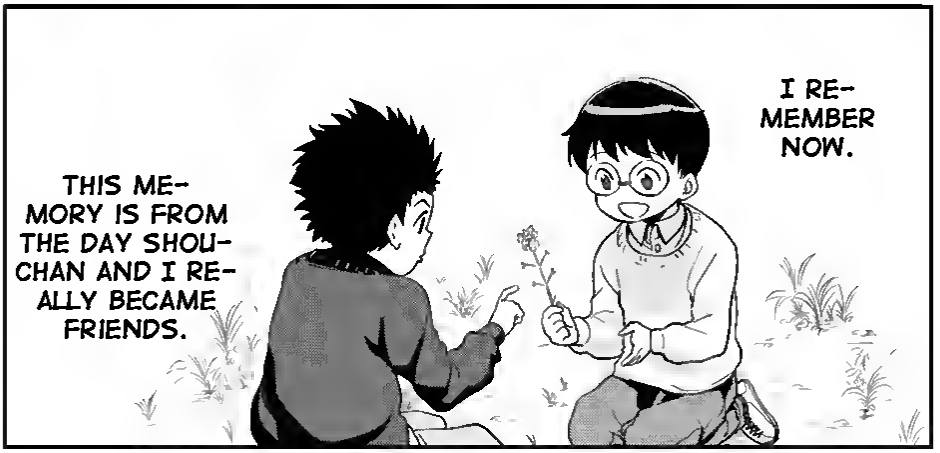
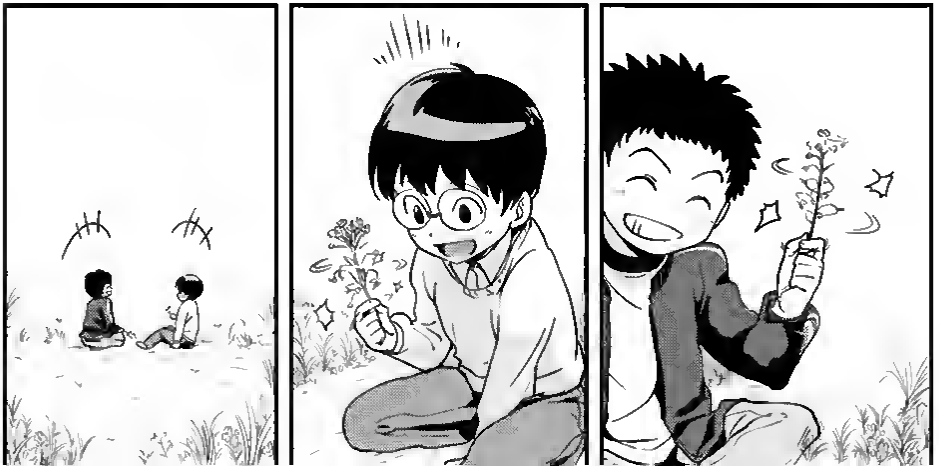
WH-WHAT IS THAT!?
THE TEMPORAL MIRROR.
NOW, TAKE A CLOSER LOOK.


SIMPLE ENOUGH RECOGNIZING THAT YOU'RE IN THE MIRROR'S REFLECTION, BUT... WHO ELSE IS THERE?
OH...
IS THAT...
ME AS A LITTLE KID...?


MY VERY FIRST FRIEND. BEFORE WE MET, I'D SPEND ALL MY TIME ALONE FLIPPING THROUGH NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY ALBUMS AND FIELD GUIDES.
SHOU-CHAN...


THIS MEMORY IS FROM THE DAY SHOU-CHAN AND I REALLY BECAME FRIENDS.
I REMEMBER NOW.



BECAUSE OF MY TIMID DEMEANOR, I WAS BULLIED OFTEN. BUT EVERY TIME, HE'D DEFEND ME BRAVELY.
AFTER THAT, WE WERE COMPLETELY INSEPERABLE.
NO MATTER WHAT WE DID OR WHERE WE WENT, EVERY DAY TOGETHER WAS INCREDIBLE FUN.
SHINING SO BOLD AND BRIGHT, I ALWAYS ADMIRED SHOU-CHAN. DEEP DOWN, I WANTED TO BE JUST LIKE HIM.
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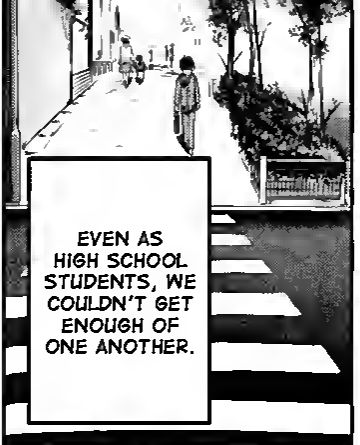
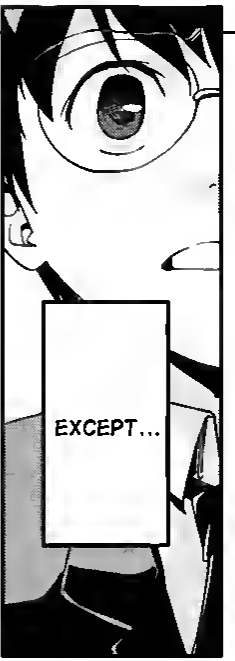


EVEN AS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, WE COULDN'T GET ENOUGH OF ONE ANOTHER.

ULTIMATELY, SHOU-CHAN WAS THE CLOSEST THING I HAD TO A PERSONAL HERO.



EXCEPT...

SHIT, MY BAD.
LOOKS LIKE I STEPPED ON SOMETHING.
THUD
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OWCH!!
HONESTLY, THOUGH, COULDN'T EVEN TELL SOMETHING WAS STANDING IN MY ROAD.
YANAI...!
CAN'T BE HELPED, MAN! NOBODY EVEN REALIZES HE'S IN THE ROOM. KID'S GOT ZERO PRESENCE!
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA

WHADDYA SAY TO ME, YA LITTLE SHIT!?
OPEN YOUR DAMN MOUTH AND APOLOGIZE!
YA DON'T EVEN LOOK THE LEAST BIT SORRY!!
TWINGE
GIVE ME A BREAK... THERE'S NO REASON WHY HE COULDN'T GO AROUND ME TO GET INTO THE CLASSROOM YANAI'S DOING THIS ON PURPOSE.
SPIT IT OUT, FOR FUCK'S SAKES!!
EVEN A DISGUSTING LITTLE RAT LIKE YOU CAN SHRIEK IF YOU TRY.
WAIT, ARE YOU ADMITTING YOU'RE EVEN MORE PITIFUL THAN A RAT?
I-I, UM...
I DIDN'T...
HAH? C'MON, I CAN'T UNDERSTAND BABBLING!
SHIRT
SPIT IT OUT, FOR FUCK'S SAKES!!

SHOU-CHAN!
CLUTCH
ENOUGH'S ENOUGH, CHIEF.
THE HELL DO YOU WANT?
CANTCHA SEE I'M JUST PLAYING AROUND WITH THE SHRIMP?
YUUTO DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WORTH FIGHTING OVER.
MIGHT NOT SEEM SO FUN TO YUUTO, THE VICTIM!
LISTEN, WHAT JERKS LIKE YOU CALL PLAYING AROUND...

CALL IT QUITS, BOYS.

DROP

ALRIGHT, ASSHOLE, YOU'RE GETTIN TOO DAMN ROWDY FOR MY LIKING!
GORILLA GRIP
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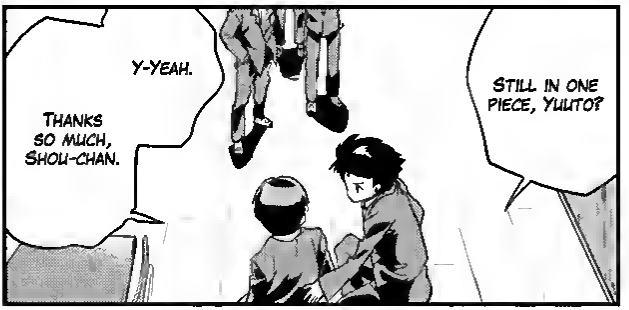
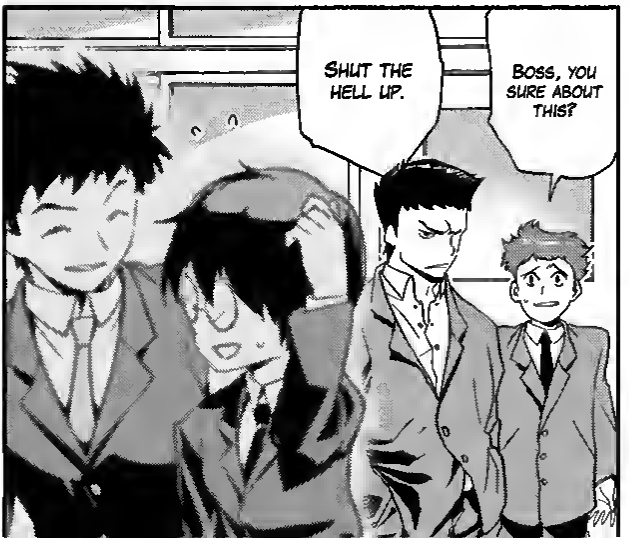
GRIP!


Y-YEAH.
THANKS SO MUCH, SHOU-CHAN.
STILL IN ONE PIECE, YUUTO?

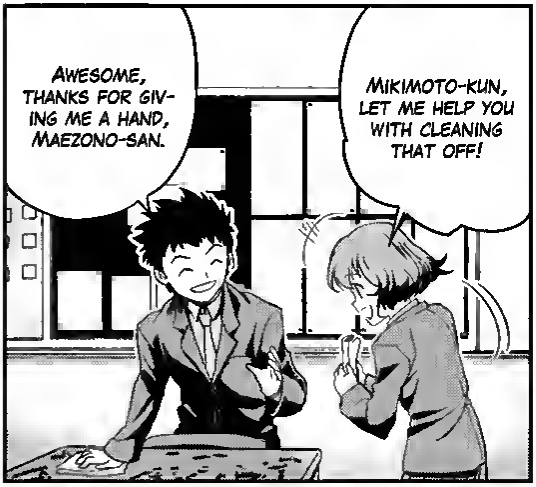

SHUT THE HELL UP.
BOSS, YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

EGGHEAD RETARD!!!
Piece of GARBAGE
GONNA Murder you!
DIEDIEDIEDIE
Useless!
END FOR YOU!
Fucking KILL Yourself!
BASTARD
Fuckin 4 eyes
STAY Home!
Pathetic
You were a Mistake!!
TRASH

LOOKS TO ME LIKE THE WHOLE FRIGGIN' CLASS CAN'T STAND TO LOOK AT YOU ANYMORE. HOW'S THE HATE TRAIN TREATIN' YA?
DAMN.

LESSEE SOME EVIDENCE IF YOU WANNA CALL ME OUT, JACKASS!
Whisper
Whisper
HAH?
THE HELL YOU TALKIN' ABOUT?
ANYONE WITH A FUNCTIONING BRAIN COULD TELL YOU'RE THE CULPRIT HERE.

NOW, THIS ISN'T SUCH EXACTLY A CRIME FIT FOR A POLICE DRAMA...
BUT IF IT'S EVIDENCE YOU WANT, THEN ALL I NEED TO BRING FORWARD IS THE FACT THAT THE MOST DEFIANT AND CONFRONTATIONAL PEOPLE ARE OFTEN BEHIND EVERYTHING.


MIKIMOTO-KUN, LET ME HELP YOU WITH CLEANING THAT OFF!
AWESOME, THANKS FOR GIVING ME A HAND, MAEZONO-SAN.

TCH

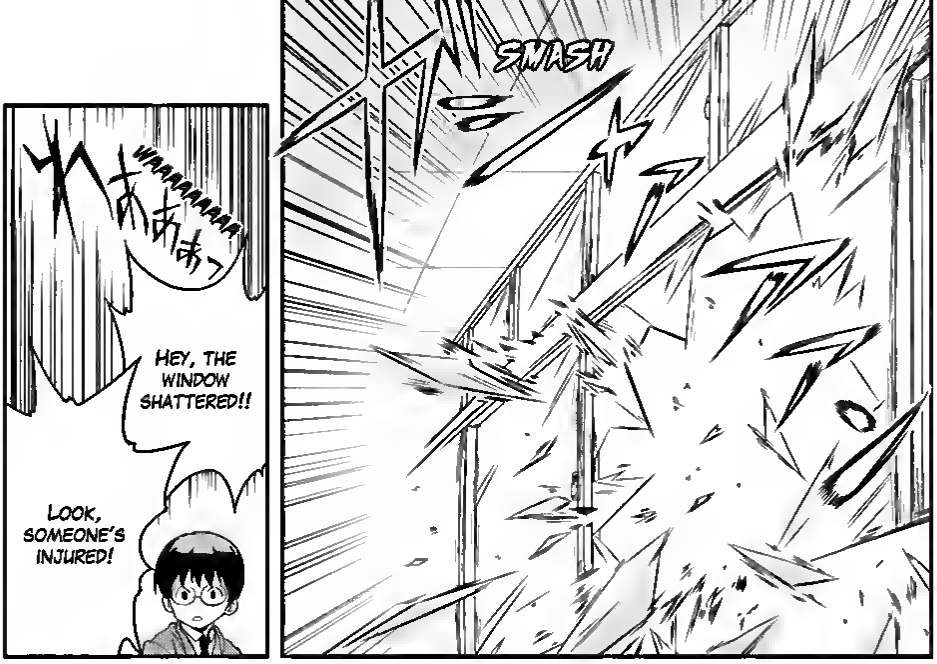
UNBELIE-VABLE! EVEN WHEN HE'S UP AGAINST A CONFIDENT BULLY LIKE YANAI...
SHOU-CHAN'S INVINCIBLE!

SHRIEK
AT LEAST... THAT'S WHAT I BELIEVED...
OH MY GOD! WHAT HAPPENED!?
THIS IS AN EMERGENCY! SOMEONE BRING ME FRESH WATER RIGHT NOW!!
MAEZONO-SAN GOT SPLASHED WITH SULFURIC ACID...

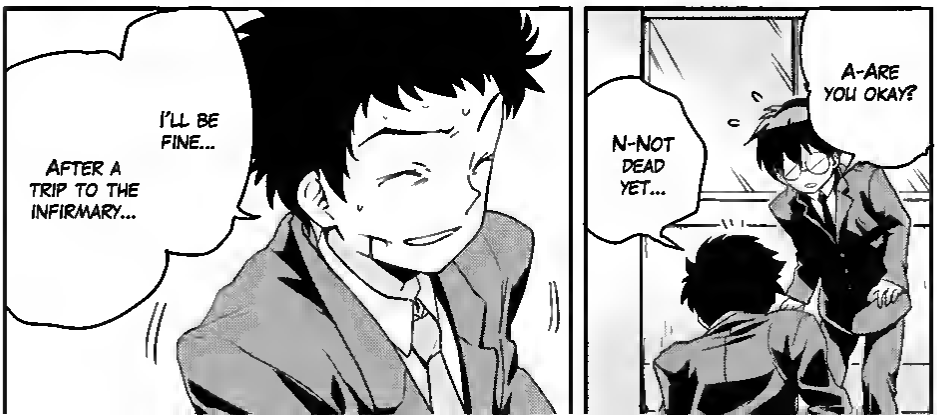
SMUG
FACE
SLAM
SON OF A BITCH!!
ADMIT IT, YOU'RE BEHIND THIS AREN'T YOU!?
HM?
CONVINCED IT WAS ME SO QUICKLY, HUH?
SEEMS LIKE JUMPING THE GUN IF YOU ASK ME.
SQUEEZE

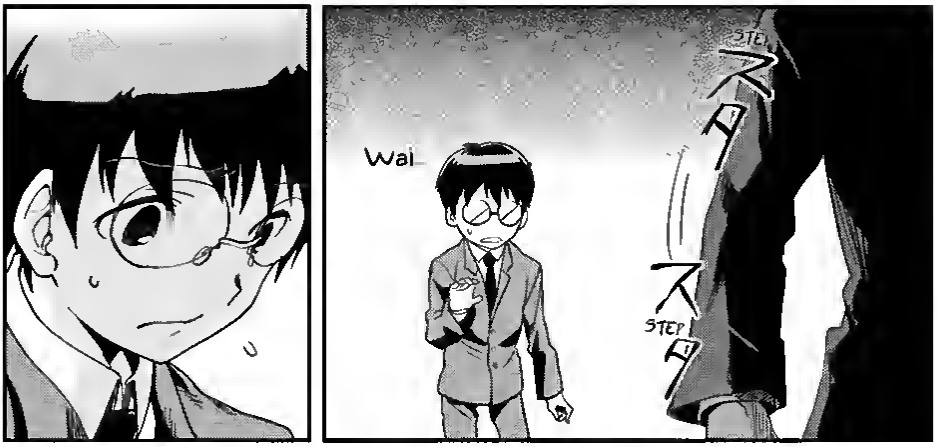
GRIMACE
CONSIDER THIS, THOUGH. YOU'VE EARNED PLENTY OF ENEMIES.
NO SURPRISE THAT THE PEOPLE CLOSE TO YOU START TO SUFFER IN YOUR PLACE.
GET THOSE FILTHY MITTS OFFA ME.
SHAKE

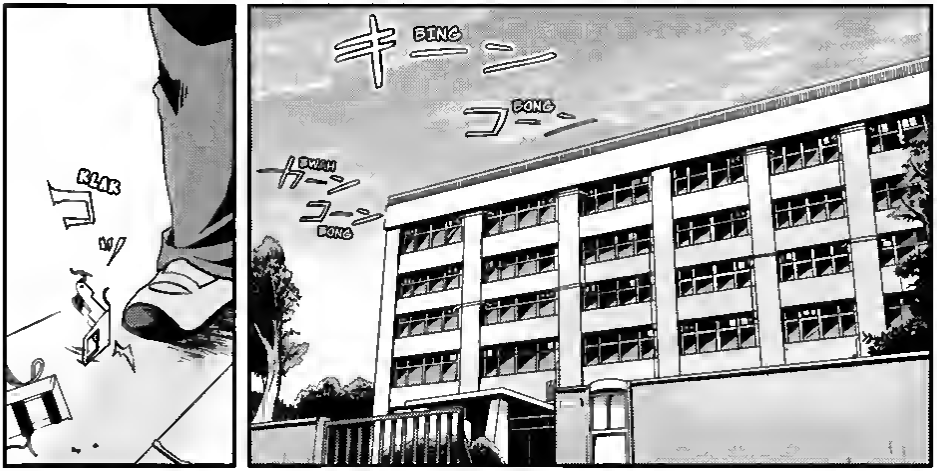
THEY'RE TERRIFIED OF GETTING TOO CLOSE.
EVEN I WASN'T BRAVE ENOUGH TO FACE SHOU-CHAN.
WHAT A COMPLETE DISGRACE I'VE BECOME...
DESPITE EVERYONE IN OUR CLASS KNOWING WITHOUT A DOUBT THAT YANAI WAS THE CULPRIT.
SINCE THAT INCIDENT, THE NUMBER OF CLASSMATES WHO INVOLVED THEMSELVES WITH SHOU-CHAN DWINDLED DOWN TO NOTHING.


SMASH
WAAAAAAAAA
HEY, THE WINDOW SHATTERED!!
LOOK, SOMEONE'S INJURED!

SHOU-CHAN!
I'M NOT SURE WHAT HAPPENED. THE GLASS EXPLODED OUT OF NOWHERE...
YEAH...


I'LL BE FINE...
AFTER A TRIP TO THE INFIRMARY...
A-ARE YOU OKAY?
N-NOT DEAD YET...


Wai
STEP
STEP


KLAK
BING
DONG
BWOH
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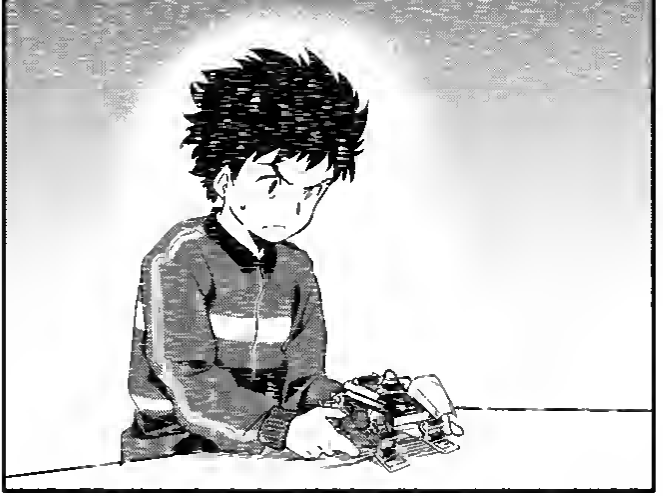
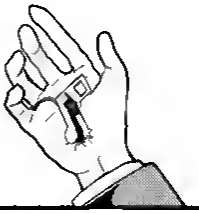
HOW DID SHOU-CHAN'S DESK END UP IN THIS STATE...?

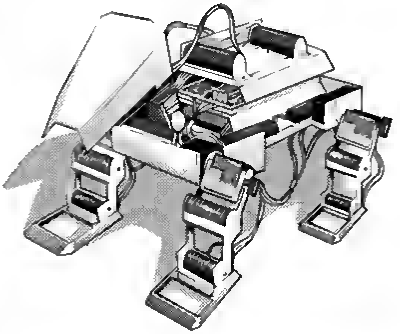
WHAT'S ALL THIS, THEN?
?



...NO, IT COULDN'T BE.



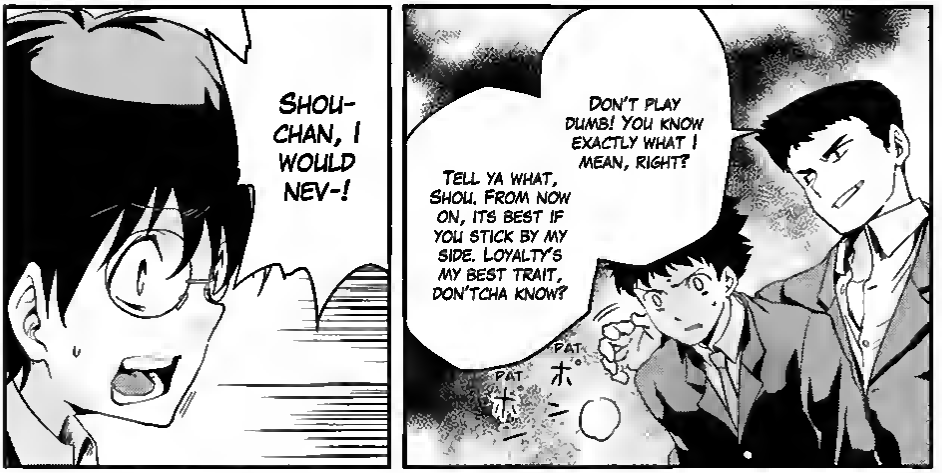
IS THIS SHOU-CHAN'S SCIENCE PROJECT?



YUUTO...?

SHOU-CHAN.
SHOU-CHAN!
I'M ALMOST SURE YAN-
WELL, WELL,
HEART-LESS INDEED!
SHOU, M'BOY...
HERE'S YOUR CULPRIT, CAUGHT HIM RED-HANDED EVEN.
BAD TOUCH
AND HE HAS THE BALLS TO CALL HIMSELF YOUR BEST BUD.
Y'SEE, THE OTHER SIDE OF JUSTICE IS CRUEL DARKNESS ITSELF. ASK ME, HE'S PROBABLY ALWAYS BEEN JEALOUS OF YA.

...SAY WHAT!?


SHOU-CHAN, I WOULD NEV-!
DON'T PLAY DUMB! YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I MEAN, RIGHT?
TELL YA WHAT, SHOU. FROM NOW ON, IT'S BEST IF YOU STICK BY MY SIDE. LOYALTY'S MY BEST TRAIT, DON'TCHA KNOW?
PAT
ポン
PAT
ポン

JITTER
NOW, NOW, YUUTO-KUN. ALL THAT GROVELING AND WEA-SELING IS MAKING ME SICK TO MY STOMACH!

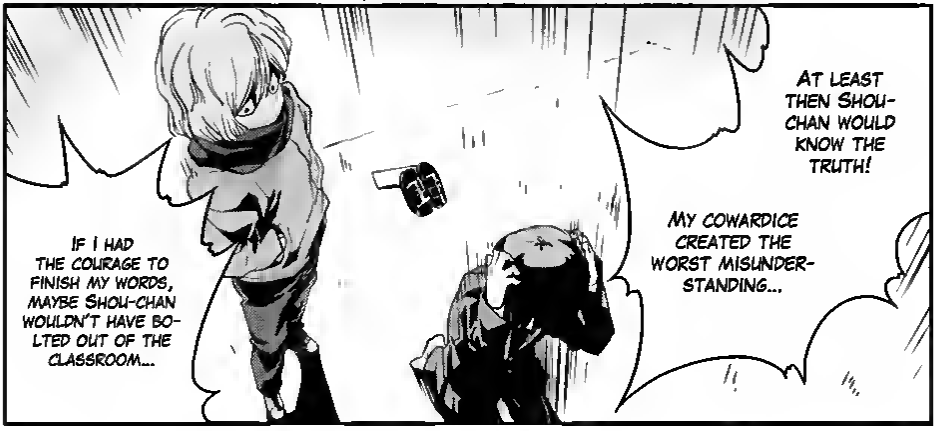
DASH

ABSO-
LUTELY
DISGUS-
TING!!
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA

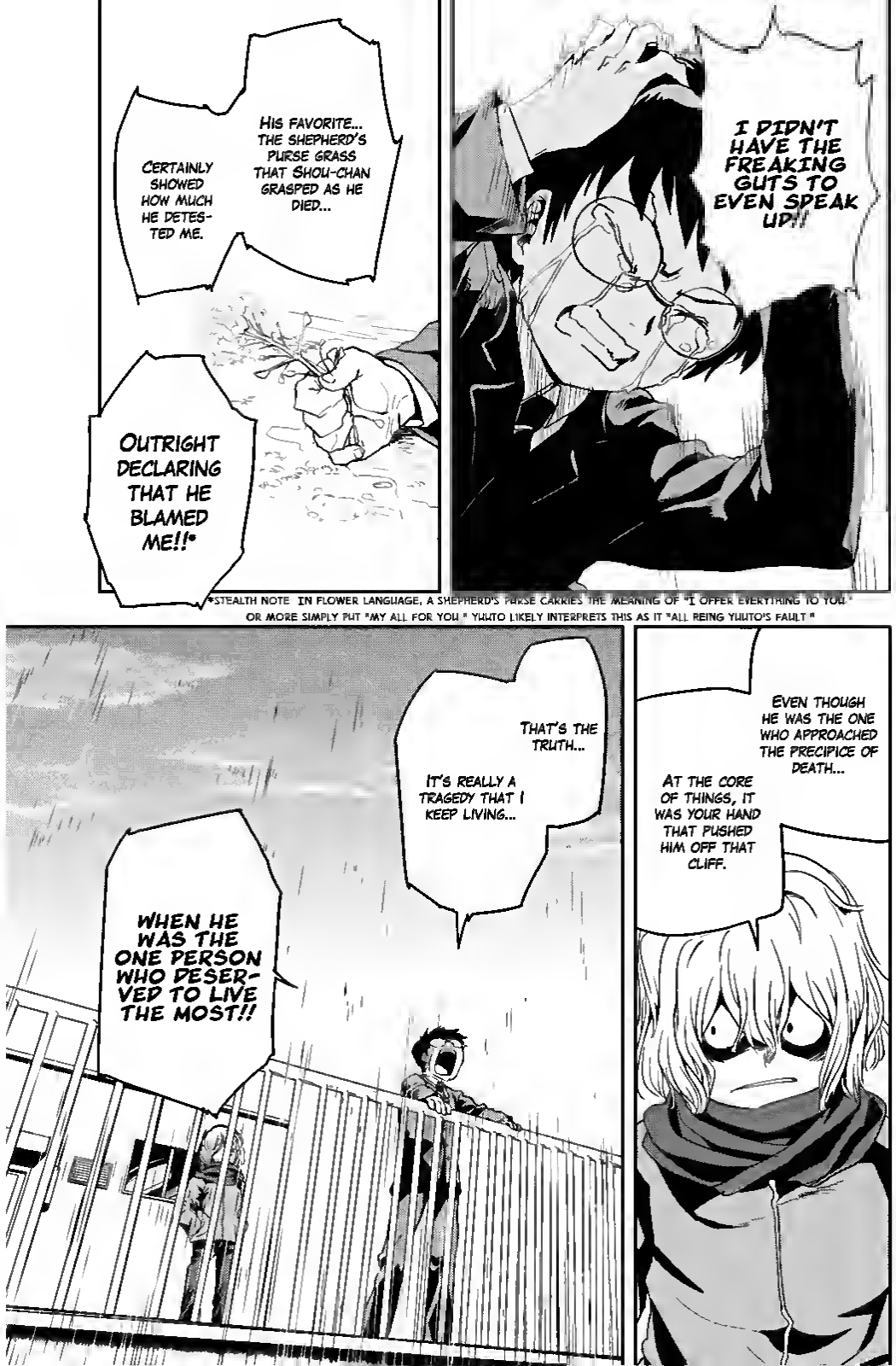
BETRAYAL AND HATRED BUBBLING BETWEEN TWO FRIENDS LIKE THICK STEW. MAKES ME FEEL LONELY.
DAMN, WHAT A MISERABLE OUTCOME.

SHOU-
CHAN!
SPRINT
SPRINT

BACK THEN... IF ONLY I HAD MANAGED TO SAY "I WOULD NEVER DO THIS TO YOU."
I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY-MORE!!
STOP THIS, I'M BEGGING YOU!

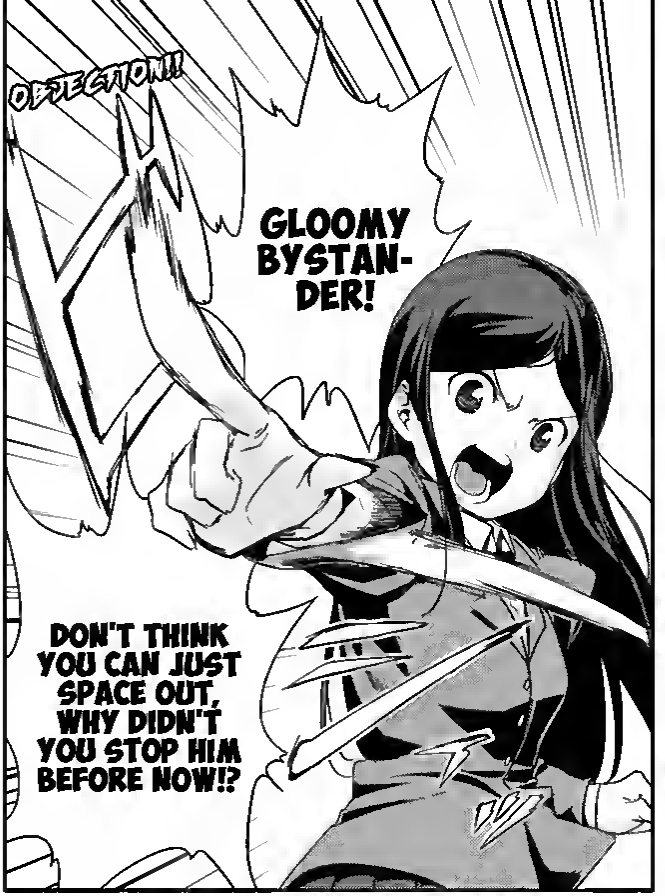

IF I HAD THE COURAGE TO FINISH MY WORDS, MAYBE SHOU-CHAN WOULDN'T HAVE BOLTED OUT OF THE CLASSROOM...
MY COWARDICE CREATED THE WORST MISUNDERSTANDING...
AT LEAST THEN SHOU-CHAN WOULD KNOW THE TRUTH!

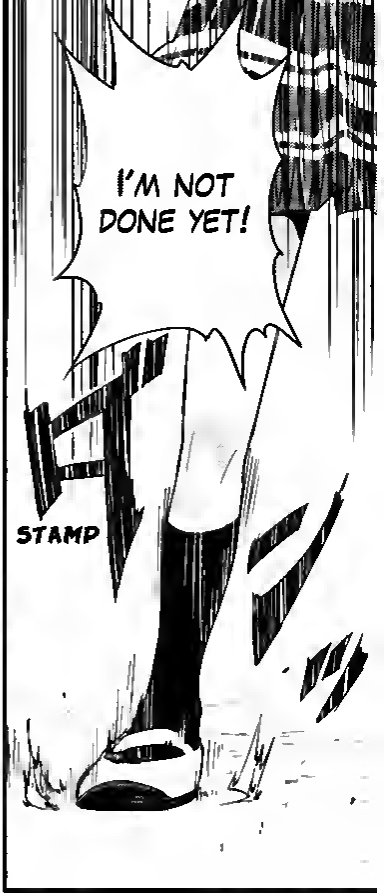
MAYBE I COULD HAVE STOPPED SHOU-CHAN...
FROM COMMITTING SUICIDE!


I DIDN'T HAVE THE FREAKING GUTS TO EVEN SPEAK UP!!
HIS FAVORITE... THE SHEPHERD'S PURSE GRASS THAT SHOU-CHAN GRASPED AS HE DIED...
CERTAINLY SHOWED HOW MUCH HE DETES-TED ME.
OUTRIGHT DECLARING THAT HE BLAMED ME!!*
*STEALTH NOTE IN FLOWER LANGUAGE, A SHEPHERD'S PURSE CARRIES THE MEANING OF "I OFFER EVERYTHING TO YOU." OR MORE SIMPLY PUT "MY ALL FOR YOU." YUUTO LIKELY INTERPRETS THIS AS IT "ALL BEING YUUTO'S FAULT."
EVEN THOUGH HE WAS THE ONE WHO APPROACHED THE PRECIPICE OF DEATH...
AT THE CORE OF THINGS, IT WAS YOUR HAND THAT PUSHED HIM OFF THAT CLIFF.
THAT'S THE TRUTH...
IT'S REALLY A TRAGEDY THAT I KEEP LIVING...
WHEN HE WAS THE ONE PERSON WHO DESER-VED TO LIVE THE MOST!!

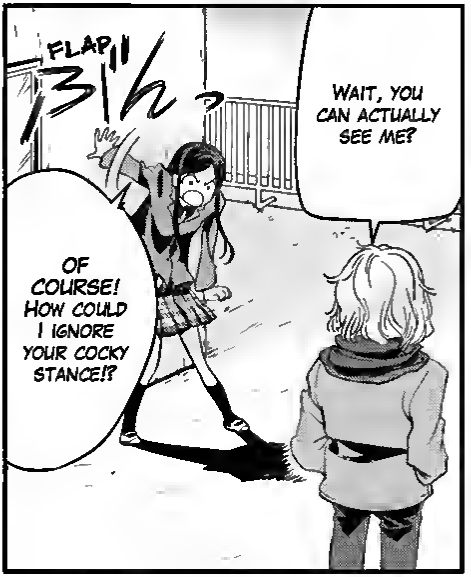
SUICIDE IS NOT THE ANSWER !!!!!!
SLAM
S-Suicide... Suicide...
W-Won't solve...
Wheeze
Wheeze
Wheeze
Grasp
Grasp
SUICIDE WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING!

EH...?
THE WORLD IS FULL OF WONDERFUL AND AMAZING THINGS! I'LL LISTEN TO YOUR WORRIES ANYTIME!
MAYBE IT'S POOR TEST SCORE RESULTS? I KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL!
BOY, LEMME TELL YOU ABOUT THOSE DAMN TESTS! JUST RECENTLY, I COMPLETELY FLUNKED THREE HUGE EXAMS!
GUESS WHAT? THAT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING! THE OTHER DAY I WAS HAVING SO MUCH FUN, I DUMPED MY CUP NOODLES ALL OVER MYSELF! NOW THAT WAS A REAL MESS!
NEXT, I FELT TRUE DESPAIR THE MOMENT MY SMARTPHONE SLIPPED OUT OF MY HANDS AND INTO THE TOILET!
MISFORTUNE LOVES TO HAUNT ME, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN SUICIDE WILL FIX ALL OF MY PROBLEMS EITHER!!
GIRL, YOU SURE HAVE GUSTO, BUT YOUR 'TRAUMAS' AREN'T EXACTLY IN THE SAME CLASS..


OBJECTION!!!
GLOOMY BYSTANDER!
DON'T THINK YOU CAN JUST SPACE OUT, WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP HIM BEFORE NOW!?

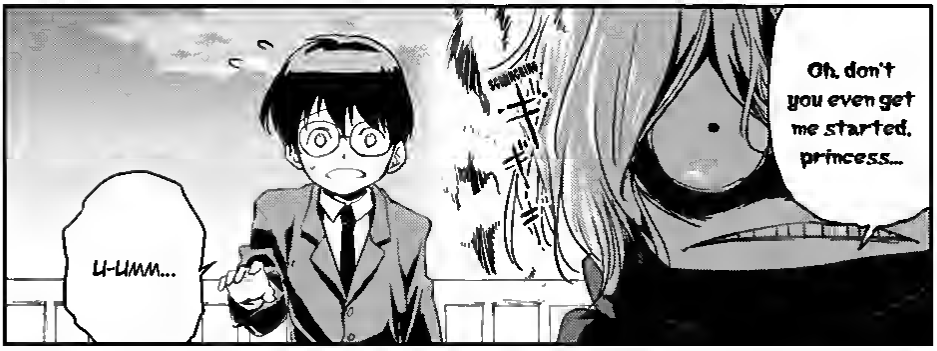

I'M NOT DONE YET!
STAMP

ARE YOU ROLEPLAYING A GHOST OR SOMETHING!?


FLAP
WAIT, YOU CAN ACTUALLY SEE ME?
OF COURSE! HOW COULD I IGNORE YOUR COCKY STANCE!?

EXCUSE ME...?

DON'T MISTAKE ME FOR SOME LOWLY SPIRIT.
I'M A GOD OF DEATH.
WHO CARES!? DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF!
What's the difference anyways!?


Oh, don't you even get me started, princess...
U-UMM...

GODDAMN, IT AIN'T THAT COMPLICATED, PEOPLE, IF THE BRAT SAYS HE WANTS TO DIE...
SHOULDN'T YOU LET HIM HAVE EXACTLY WHAT HE'S AFTER?

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YANAI!!
END OF FIRST CHAPTER

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USHIRO
THE SOMBER GOD OF DEATH

ふきげんな死神。

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CLEANING/TYPESET:
MANLYRONPA
COMMANDERPANTY
TRANSLATION:
STEALTH MOMO